

PEOPLE & THINGS

THERE are strong rumours in the corridors of the United Nations that Mr. Cabot Lodge, the American Permanent Representative, will shortly move to the White House as personal adviser to the President.

Mr. Eisenhower thinks highly of Mr. Lodge who, as a Senator, was the joint architect with Senator Vandenberg of the bipartisan foreign policy.

But at U.N. Mr. Lodge's performance is considered by many delegates to have been most disappointing, and he has made no attempt to conceal his lack of enthusiasm for an appointment which has brought him no party political advantage.

Other Postings

MR. HAROLD STASSEN, whose appointment as Foreign Aid Administrator has been rapidly shrinking in scope and importance, is tipped as Mr. Lodge's successor. The choice would be a popular one for the former presidential candidate has shown selflessness and good judgment in his present duties and a sympathy with internationalism which is singularly lacking in Mr. Lodge.

Mr. Paul Hoffmann, now back with Studebaker, has been offered the ambassadorship to India in place of Mr. George Allen, who will be the new Assistant Secretary for Middle Western Affairs. And Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce is confidently expected to lay down her ambassadorial burden in Rome now that settlement has been reached over Trieste.

Artist's Travail

IGATHER that Mr. Graham Sutherland is finding it no easy matter to paint Sir Winston Churchill. Every thought that passes through Sir Winston's mind is reflected on that extremely expressive countenance. Statesman, warrior imp—which will it be when the painter next looks up from his canvas? But by far the most deadly manifestation is *Winston the Artist*.

From time to time the Prime Minister, under the excuse of stretching his legs, comes over to see how the picture is getting on. His advice is entirely uninhibited and with scant respect for the vision of our greatest portrait painter.

I am told that there have been occasions when, in illustration of a point, he has come very near to snatching up a brush to add his own contribution to the canvas, and it is even whispered that one day, upon unveiling the picture in preparation for a sitting, the painter found that it had un-

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doubtedly been "improved" during the night.

One only wishes that there could be a third artist present—to paint Mr. Sutherland painting the Prime Minister.

The Ford 'Thunderbird'

American manufacturers are casting a jealous eye at the £100 million worth of business achieved every year in the States by British and other foreign sports cars, and one of their answers will be the top-secret Ford "Thunderbird" unveiled last week in Paris.

Built essentially of stock Ford and Mercury parts the car is a three-litre V8, with an estimated power/weight ratio of 17.10 lbs./b.h.p. Other details are a four-barrel down-draft carburettor, Ford-o-Matic transmission and an

Pacific Tea Company. Address: 420 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y., accompanied by an asterisk which denotes the editor's "failure to receive requested information."

Yet this ninety-year-old man is the active head and virtually the sole proprietor of the world's largest grocery chain, the A. & P., whose net sales in America last year were just less than \$4 billion—more than the sales of its next four competitors combined.

Mister Nemo

ALMOST nothing is known about "Mr. George." It is established that he arrives at 11 every morning at his Lexington Avenue office, garbed in funeral black, and repairs to a dusty room where the secrets of his company repose in a battered japanned tin box. It is also known that he has nothing to eat until after 2.30.



approximate power output of 190 h.p. at 4,400 r.p.m.

Performance, according to John Bentley in the new *Time-Life* magazine "Sports Illustrated," is 0-30 m.p.h. in 4 secs.; 0-60 m.p.h. in 10 secs.; 0-80 m.p.h. in 16.8 secs. Maximum speed about 125 m.p.h.

There will be a smile on the face of the Jaguar at Bentley's plain words on the brakes: "Tramping hard on the pedal produced a frightening one-second time-lag after which the wheels abruptly locked solid and the car slid with howling tyres."

Hair Shirt Dept.

PROPOS the habit being designed for the new order of American nuns, the Sisters of the Divine Spirit (grey box jacket, calf-length skirt, white blouse with Peter Pan collar, nylons, black pumps and black pancake hat), the charitable citizens of a small community in Spain decided that something must be done about the threadbare habit of a solitary monk who lived in the village.

Enough money was scraped together and the grateful monk departed for Madrid to reaccoutre himself.

When he returned, he was attired in a habit of unusual cut and dazzling elegance. He explained how, in the streets of Madrid, he had run into a child hood friend, now apparently something to do with the tailoring world, who had insisted on taking the monk under his wing. This Good Samaritan was, it appeared, a certain Señor Balenciaga.

Secret Billions

FOR a man to combine immense power and wealth with complete anonymity is almost impossible in the modern world. But the combination exists behind the two-line entry in "Who's Who in America": "George Ludlum Hartford, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Great Atlantic and

when, with the utmost punctuality and with taste-buds unimpaired, he proceeds to his daily coffee-tasting ritual. This ritual, the comparison of all A. & P.'s coffee blends with competing brands, he has observed daily for nearly seventy-four years.

When he leaves in the evening it is for his modest suburban house at Montclair, New Jersey. He shuts the door and, since he is unmarried and people and travel are anathema to him, that is just about all that is known about this legendary billionaire.

Other Hartfords

TWO of Mr. Hartford's heirs, a nephew and a niece, happen to be in England at the moment and while their uncle may be "out of this world," they are very much a part of it.

Huntingdon Hartford lives in California, is a patron of the Arts and the Theatre, and is married to Marjorie Steele, the brilliant star of "Sabrina Fair" at the Palace Theatre. His sister, Josephine, married to an Englishman, John F. C. Bryce, an Old Etonian and a distant relative of "Bryce on the American Commonwealth," has an Elizabethan house near Newmarket, a farm in Vermont, and has just designed a most imaginative winter home in Nassau where her husband, who is a member of the Audubon Society, has established a sanctuary for flamingos and roseate spoonbills.

They own "Big Dipper," who headed the two-year-old "Free Handicap" in 1950, and John Bryce is chairman of the North American Newspaper Alliance, one of the four American news agencies.

Somers Was Here

THE Neully Journal announces the opening at the *Gymnase* of an English comedy "Adorable Julia" adapted by M. G. Sauvignon "d'après Somers et Maugham."